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NITRO UPDATE

ALTAMONT, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL FIREARM VIOLATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that an Altamont, Mo., man has been sentenced for being a felon in possession of ammunition. Graves said the case, part of the district's ongoing Project Ceasefire anti-crime initiative, is the result of the work of the NITRO task force.

Kelly D. Calhoon, 42, of Altamont, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 18, 2003, **Calhoon** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of ammunition. By pleading guilty, **Calhoon** admitted that he possessed a box containing 25 rounds of Federal .410 gauge firearm ammunition on Jan. 20, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Calhoon** has two criminal felony convictions. He has a 1981 criminal felony conviction for stealing and another 1995 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation. NITRO is a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county northwest Missouri region.

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